



RUGBY KICKOFF MEETING

*Want to join the fastest
growing sport In the US?*



welcome to DRFC Spring 15's



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RUGBY



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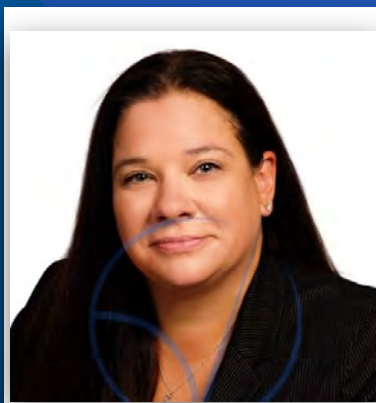
Established 1996

Mike Drill founded the Downingtown Rugby Club in 1996. Mike was a former player for Millersville University. After beginning his teaching career at Downingtown Middle School, Mike began to introduce rugby to some of his football players as a way to stay in shape. The program was built and has been growing ever since.





President
Matt Snyder



Vice President
Nicole Warner



Secretary
Tara Dostalick



Treasurer
Addy McKerns



Director at Large
John Ahern

The Board



High School BOYS grade 10-12



High School GIRLS grade 8-12



Junior BOYS grade 8-9



2024

Our Spring 15's TEAMS



Coed YOUTH grade 5-7

Player Expectations Overview

Communicate through TeamSnap:
Enter practice and game availability

Arrive 10 minutes prior practice time,
be at all practices & games

Players are encouraged to speak directly
to their coaches if a need arises

Players are responsible for their own belongings

In competition, compete to the best of one's ability
while being safe and sportsman like.

Refrain from foul language, violence, and behaviors
that could reasonably be deemed dishonest, offensive
and or intentionally malicious.

Represent DRFC well on and off the field





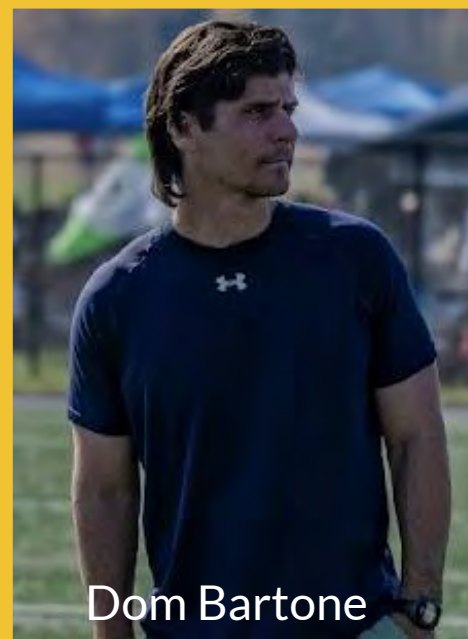
Let's
Meet our coaches
15's Spring Season 2024



Ehren Murphy: Head Coach



Jim Lamb



Dom Bartone



Josh Snow

U19 Boys



NIKE COLLAR

HS BOYS 2024 15's

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REVEALED**
RUGBY NEWS



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Oliver Snow: Head Coach



Bayla Shindledecker
Forwards Coach



Jim Rosato
Backs Coach



EGRL= Elite Girls Rugby League

U19 Girls



Adri Zeiders
Assistant Coach



Bitsy Cairns
Forwards Coach



Chris Lovell: Head Coach



Liam Bourke: Backs Coach



Mike Galvin: Assistant Coach

U15 Boys





Dave Miscavage: Head Coach



Coed:

Youth



Sean Fowler: Assistant Coach

Rugby Conditioning

Where: At Fellowship Fields

When: February

Days: Monday & Wednesday

Time: 5:00-7:30

Who: Staggered Times for each team TBA



Rugby Practice

Where: At Fellowship Fields

When: March

Days: Monday & Wednesday

Time: 5:00-7:30

Who: Staggered Times for each team TBA

Rugby Practice

Where: Hickory Park (HOME FIELD)

When: April-May

Days: TBA

Time: 5-7:30

Who: ALL TEAMS different days

READY, SET, REGISTER!



GO TO: <https://downingtowndrugby.teamsnapsites.com/> to register with DRFC

High School	\$325	Includes 2 warm up tees & game fees
Juniors	\$225	Includes 2 warm up tees & game fees
Coed Youth	\$125	Includes 2 warm up tees & game fees

If you participated in the 2023 fall 7's season, you will NOT pay DFRC for the Spring 15's season

Additional registration:

Go to: <https://www.rugbypa.org/> Click Player Registration

New:	High School	\$170	Renewing:	High School	\$135
	Juniors	\$85		Juniors	\$50
	Coed Youth	\$85		Coed Youth	\$50

Includes \$35 USA Rugby fee

\$35 USA Rugby annual fee only paid once



DRFC REGISTRATION:

\$325 (Includes Fall & Spring Season)

Field fees, field maintenance, games registration, PA Rugby Club team registration, socks, warm up tees, general equipment, insurance and jerseys

PA RUGBY REGISTRATION:

\$135/170 HS \$85 Juniors & Coed Youth

RugbyPA Referees, USA liability insurance coverage

EACH PLAYER WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING:

-MOUTH GUARD (no football mouth guard)

-CLEATS (Soccer cleats are fine)

-BLUE RUGBY SHORTS

Buy through Steam Rollers or Amazon

* HS Girls need WHITE & BLUE shorts

Check out the Rugby outgrown table TODAY!

THE CLUB PROVIDES:

-2 practice tees (gold & blue)

*Replacements are \$20 Each

-Socks

-Jerseys



DOWNINGTOWN RUGBY



WHAT DO YOU NEED TO PLAY?

LET'S TALK MONEY

Don't have the money to register?
We have a plan for that!

Obtaining a sponsor waives the DRFC registration fee.

You can find the sponsorship form on the DRFC Website. Go to the menu and then find registration: Print it out and email us when it's complete.



Get out there and find a sponsor!
Companies are more than willing to donate \$500 to DRFC.

We will take care of your PA Rugby Fee too, just secure your sponsor and reach out!

Attention Players & Parents:

Sponsorship opportunities are available with a little leg work. It is important to us that everyone has an opportunity to play.

Please email us or fill out the information on the paper provided tonight if you know of any potential sponsorship contacts so we can collectively provide the information to our future players.

<https://downingtowndowningtownrugby.teamsnapsites.com/>

SPONSORSHIP





Current DRFC Sponsors



Locally Owned & Operated by Robin Palmieri R.N.



WWW.JAGUARLANDROVERWC.COM

1330 WILMINGTON PIKE
WEST CHESTER, PA 19382
(610) 436-0600



WEST CHESTER



Players & Parents



CODE OF CONDUCT

[Code of Conduct DRFC Link](#)

- Respect: Players who represent their teams are ambassadors of DRFC
- No obnoxious, impolite or antisocial behavior or dangerous play
- No player during or after a match, threaten or address a referee or touch judge in insulting terms
- We should always welcome and encourage an environment of appreciation for sportsmanlike competition, and extend a positive sportsmanlike attitude toward our opponents and their spectators.
- AT NO TIME WILL ALCOHOL OR DRUGS BE ALLOWED
AT ANY MATCH EITHER BY PLAYERS OR TEAM SUPPORTERS

RUGBY PA CODE OF CONDUCT



[Rugby PA Code of Conduct Link](#)

- THE GOOD MATCH OFFICIAL'S CODE
- THE GOOD COACH'S CODE
- THE GOOD PLAYER'S CODE
- THE GOOD SUPPORTER'S (PARENTS') CODE



Expectations & Referees

Standard Penalties & Fines Match Official Abuse –

Zero Tolerance Policy In recognition of the historical challenges that the game of Rugby has encountered in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania – particularly at the high school level, Rugby PA has adopted a **Zero Tolerance** Policy regarding referee or match official abuse. Put simply, if the referee or match official feels abused, then Rugby PA will find that referee or match official abuse took place and will impose sanctions. It is the responsibility of each team to assure that its coaches, players, parents, and spectators treat the referee with the deference and respect that is the hallmark of the game of rugby.

[Click here for more details: Zero Tolerance Policy PA RUGBY](#)

RUGBY PA **COMMUNITY BOARD**

UPCOMING EVENTS

TOURNAMENTS, CLINICS, COURSES, & MORE

- Player clinics
- Referee clinics
- Special guest coaches
- Courses



L1 COACHING & L1 REFEREE CERTIFICATIONS

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 3, 2024

DOWNINGTOWN MS - DOWNINGTOWN, PA

HOSTED BY RUGBYPA

WILL ALSO HOST RUGBYPA REFEREE MEETING ON THE DAY

REGISTER TODAY THROUGH **RUGBY**
XPLOER



DOWNINGTOWN RUGBY

RUGBYPA
EMERGING 25
SCHOLASTIC RUGBY SEVENS

<https://www.rugbypa.org/emerging25>

Rugby PA is continuing the process of pursuing 25 school based programs, for both boys and girls, to commit to participating in a new Scholastic Sevens Season.



INTERNATIONAL TOURS

Each Year the HS Girls & Boys Teams take turns going on an international tour to play Rugby.

HS BOYS IRELAND 2023



HS GIRLS SCOTLAND

2024



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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS Scotland fundraisers



\$7,500 Raised

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 \$20	2 \$20	3 \$20	4 \$20	5 \$20	6 \$20
7 \$50	8 \$20	9 \$20	10 \$20	11 \$20	12 \$20	13 \$20
14 \$250	15 \$20	16 \$20	17 \$20	18 \$50	19 \$20	20 \$20
21 \$50	22 \$20	23 \$20	24 \$20	25 \$50	26 \$20	27 \$20
28 \$50						

Each Player gets \$
for selling Lottery
tickets

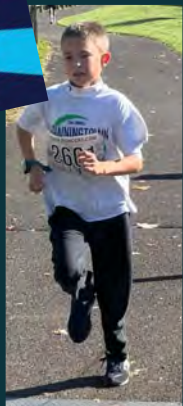


\$6,115 Raised Goal \$7,500

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/downingtown-girls-rugby-takes-on-scotland>

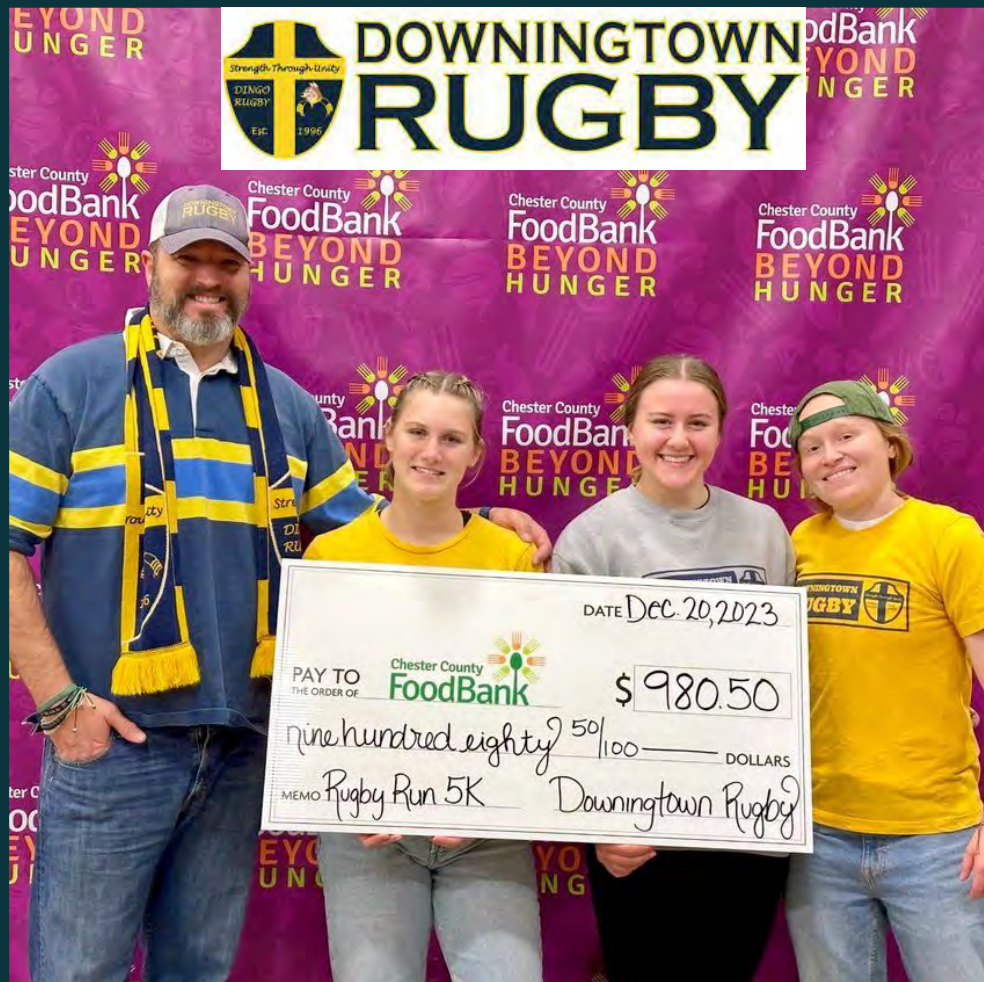
WE DID IT!

1ST Annual
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RUGBY
FOOTBALL
CLUB
Rugby
Run



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OPTION

1

DOWNINGTOWN RUGBY SPIRIT WEAR



Steamroller Rugby Supply Company: <https://www.steamrollerrugby.com/>
Pros: Customized with players name Cons: 2-4 Weeks turn around & shipping



OPTION
2



Design will be on: t-shirts, long-sleeve tees, hoodies and crewneck sweatshirts.

Pros: No Shipping, pickup TBA, quick turn around

Con: Not customized

Order at: <https://downingtowntownrugby.teamsnapsites.com/>





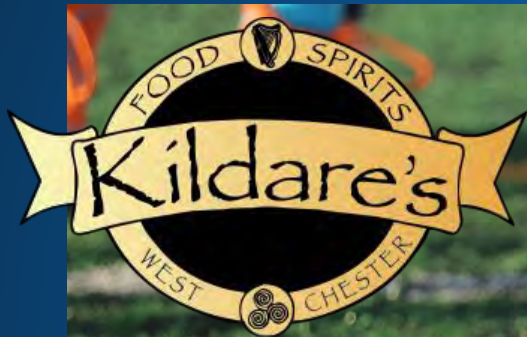
END OF YEAR RUGBY PICNIC & ALUMNI DAY!

*JUNE 23,
2024
HICKORY
PARK
11:00-3:00*

- *Potluck
- *Player Awards
- *Friendly Rugby: Alumni vs Current Players
- *Yard Games
- *Good old family fun



DFRC FAMILY EVENT



[SIX NATIONS RUGBY 2024 Kildare's Event Link](#)

Support our Sponsor



Six Nations Rugby: The 2024 Campaign
Friday, February 2 @ 3:00pm
Saturday, February 3 @ 9:15/11:45am
Where: Kildare's
West Chester, PA West Chester, PA



Breakout sessions for Players & Coaches



Parents please stay for more info and Q & A

BOARD MEMBER VACANCY



Fundraising Coordinator



2024 Goal \$5000
Need Cameras to view film

What is the position?

Each year the board & coaches will identify a need for the club.

The fundraising coordinator will organize and promote the best way to obtain the financial goal.

**Coordinator can build a committee*

This can be a go fund me, Beef & Beer, Bingo Night or another creative new way.

Our 2024 Goal \$5,000/ Cameras

The fundraising should NOT be dependent on the players but instead come from the parents organizing the event and promoting it.

BOARD MEMBER
VACANCY



What is the position?

Social Media Coordinator

**CHAMPIONSHIP
SUNDAY**

NOV. 5. 2023

PA RUGBY 7'S CHAMPIONSHIP

MANHEIM TOWNSHIP
SPORTS COMPLEX



Updating club website, facebook, instagram and youtube with current news, events and communication

Regular posting to social media sites and sharing of upcoming events, matches and activities

Our goal for this position is 100% to promote the club, highlight our program and the players. The more people see the more people will be interested in getting involved in the program

You will have access to all Teams on TeamSnap. Photo links will be shared by our parent photographers which you can access for social media posts.

Coaches/ board may reach out to you for specific posts and communication

Team Parents **NEEDED**

This position is a HUGE help to the coaches!

-Communicate and work directly with coaches

-Administrative access to Teamsnap

-Post game items needed by Mon or Tuesday under the TeamSnap assignment tab.

-Organize the social (food) with other parents only for Home Games :

**Reimbursement by treasure*



HS BOYS



HS GIRLS



JUNIOR BOYS



COED YOUTH

Maggie McGettigan

Kelly Miller
Christine Mantegna
Christine Sledd

Carlo Lopez

Photographers NEEDED

Upload your album link to
TeamSnap for parents, players
& Social Media Coordinator
to access.



HS BOYS
Addy Mckerns



HS GIRLS
Holly Davies
Colleen Hurley



JUNIOR BOYS



COED YOUTH

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Our goal:

Keep registration fees as low as possible to ensure we are an accessible club and that everyone has the opportunity to play.

We are a non profit organization that is powered by parent volunteers.

Volunteer for game setup & take down, food, water, tent etc.

Info: comes from Team Parent

Become a board member:

Fundraising & Social Media Coordinators needed

Be a team Photographer/Videographer

Upload link to TeamSnap

Help out with the end of year picnic:

Info emailed out closer to May

Volunteer to help with the social (food) after the home game.

Info: comes from Team Parent

Be a team parent.

Work with the coach to make sure they have everything for game day and the season



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Player participation, safety and playing time



Playing time decisions are at the discretion of the coach.

Based on: meeting expectations, game conditions, player experience and safety

Player expectations:

- Be on time
- Be prepared
- Communicate
- Attend practice
- Work hard
- Be coachable
- Game day support for teammates



U19 High School Girls Schedule (tentative)

Division 1 East Region & EGRL (elite girls rugby league)

High School Girls - Division 1 East											
	Round 0	Round 1	Round 2	Easter	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Semi Final	Final
Teams	3/10/2024	3/17/2024	3/24/2024	3/31/2024	4/7/2024	4/14/2024	4/21/2024	4/28/2024	5/5/2024	5/12/2024	5/19/2024
Conestoga		SC Scrim?	Bye Requested	Bye	DOYLESTOWN		DOWNINGTOWN	@Knighmare		Semi-Finals	Finals
Downingtown		Bye Requested	Bye Requested		KNIGHTMARE		@Conestoga	@Doylestown		Semi-Finals	Finals
Doylestown		Bye Requested			@Conestoga	@Knighmare		DOWNINGTOWN		Semi-Finals	Finals
Knighmare	@Blair United	SC Scrim?			@Downingtown	DOYLESTOWN	Bye Requested	CONESTOGA	NORTH BAY	Semi-Finals	Finals

EGRL tournament - Rugby Showcase South - March 16 & 17
Competition against high level programs on the East Coast

Scotland tour - March 22 to 30
Home match on Sunday, April 7

Division 1 West Region includes teams from Central PA and Pittsburgh area

U19 High School Boys competition

Division 2 Suburban conference (potential)

Bishop Shanahan, Knightmares, Media (2023)

Others clubs

Blackthorn, Montgomery/Bucks, Cristo Rey

Elizabethtown, Salesianum, Archmere

Division 1 includes mostly single schools (A side/B side)

Conestoga, LaSalle, St.Joes, Malvern, Berks, CV

Schedule was due January 15

SPRING 2024 SCHEDULE

Date	High School
3/17/2024	Round 1
3/24/2024	Round 2
3/31/2024	Bye
4/7/2024	Round 3
4/14/2024	Round 4
4/21/2024	Round 5
4/28/2024	Round 6
5/5/2024	Round 7
5/12/2024	Semifinals
5/19/2024	Finals

U15 Junior Boys competition

Open Division

Doylestown, Media, Coventry, Blackthorn, Berks
West Chester, Conestoga, CV

U13 Coed Youth competition

Open Division

Doylestown, Coventry, Blackthorn, Elizabethtown
West Chester, Conestoga, White Horse

Juniors and Youth teams typically play at the same location

SPRING 2024 SCHEDULE	
Date	Junior & Youth
3/17/2024	Pre-Season
3/24/2024	Pre-Season
3/31/2024	Bye
4/7/2024	Round 1
4/14/2024	Round 2
4/21/2024	Round 3
4/28/2024	Round 4
5/5/2024	Round 5
5/12/2024	Semifinals
5/19/2024	Finals

ANY QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, CLARIFICATION?

Q&A
TIME



THE
END